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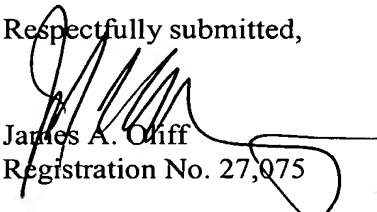
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- ☒ 2. The references 1-5 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 1 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1 and 5.

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